## United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit



**APPENDIX** 

# 76-1370

IN THE

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE SECOND CIRCUIT

DOCKET NO. 76-1370

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

APPELLEE, .

v.

DAVID LEE WHITE,

APPELLANT.

APPENDIX TO BRIEF OF APPELLANT DAVID LEE WHITE

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5/20/76	On TFM's Jury Assignment List: Counsel awaiting		1-		
	May 24, 1976. Tentative trial June 10, 1976.				
5/24/76	Murphy, J. m-5/20/76.  On TFM's Jury List: Jury impanelled. Murphy, J.				
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5/24/10	JURY TRIAL COMMENCES: Plea of not guilty entered to Count one of the supercedas Indictment.				
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	sworn and impanelled. Testimony to begin on June 10, 1976, Jurors remain for further selection.				
	Murphy, J. m-5/25/76.				
5/25	CHANGE OF PLEA: Counsel for deft. states for the				
	record the agreement reached between the court and				
	deft. Court declines to accept the agreement and the case will proceed to trial. Murphy, J. m-5/26/76				
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6/10	10:16 A.M. 12 jurors present. Two govt. witnesses sworn and testified. Govt Exs. 1 thru 3, filed. In the absence of the jury, Deft. moves pursuant to 3501 re statement of Deft. to witness Simmons. One govt witness Sworn and to lifted. Govt. makes offer of Proof. Court finds that statement was given voluntarily. Jury returns 3 Govt. witnesses sworn and testified. Govt. Ex 4A thru 4C filed. Deft. Ex. B, marked for ID. Govt. rests at 11:28 A.M In absence of the jury Deft. moves for Judgment of Acquittal-denied. 11:36 A.M. Jury returns. Deft. sworn and testified on his own behalf. Deft. Ex. C, filed. Stipulation read to Jury. Deft. rests at 2:36 P. M. In the absence of the jury Deft. moves to suppress the testimony of Rita Gonzalez. Two Govt. rebuttal witness sworn and testified. Govt. makes Offer of Proof. Deft's motion denied. Jury returns. Three govt. rebuttal witness testify. Govt. rest in rebuttal at 3:07 P.M. Deft. rests. I. absence of jury Deft. moves for Judgment of Acquittal-denied. Court rules on request to charge. Summations: Govt. 3:22 to 3:32 P.M. Deft. 3:32 to 3:46 P.M. Govt. rebuttal 3:46 P.M. to 3:51 P.M Jury excused at 3:51 P.M. until 9:30 A.M. of 6/11/76. 3:52	(a)		(b)	(c)	
6/11/76	P.M. Court adjourned until 9:30 A.M. of 6/11/76.  Murphy, J. m-6/11/76.  JURY TRIAL CONTINUES: 9:32 A.M. 12 jurors present.  Court charges jury 9:32 A.M. to 9:50 A.M. Exceptions to charge noted in chambers by deft. Court gives further charge to jury 9:55 A.M. to 9:56 A.M.  9:56 A.M. Jury tetires to jury room. All full exhibits and Indictment handed to Marshal and delivered to jury and deliberations begin at 9:57 A.M 1:05 P.M. Jury returns to Courtroom with verdict of guilty. Jury polled at request of deft. Verdict verified and ordered recorded.  1:10 P.M. Jury excused. On Motion of Covt. deft is remanded to custody of Marshal until sentence.  Court Ex. 1 marked. Court adjourned at 1:12 P.M.					
6/14/76	Marshal's return showing service, filed: Subpoena					
6/15/76	Motion for Judgment of Acquittal or in the Alternative for a New Trial, filed by deft.					
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6/17	Memorandum, filed and entered. Murphy, J. m-6/17/76.  Deft's Motion for Judgment of Acquittal or in the alternative for a new trial is denied. copies			
	mailed to Attys Cuthbertson and Bowman.			
6/21/76	Marshal's return showing service, filed: Subpoena ticket.			
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7/7/76	DISPOSITION: Recess taken to ascertain the availability of deft. Over to July 19, 1976. Murphy, J. m-7/7/76.			
7/7/76	Marshal's return showing service, filed: Writ of H. C.			
7/15/76	DISPOSITION: Imprisonment for 2 years. Court recommends commitment to F.C.I. Springfield, Missouri. Deft. advised of his right to appeal and right to Appeal in forma pauperis. Notice of Appeal, filed by deft. Murphy, J. m-7/15/76.			
" "	Judgment and Commitment, filed and entered. Murphy, J. m-7/15/76.			
7/16/76	Certified copies of the Notice of Appeal and docket entries mailed to Clerk, U.S.C.A.			
7/16/76	CJA Form 21 authorizing transcript of trial, filed. Murphy, J. copies distributed.			
7/23	Order for Dismissal of the Indictment returned on Dec. 12, 1975, filed by govt. and leave of Court is granted. Zampano, J. m-7/26/76 copies mailed			
	to counsel.			
8/4	Marshal's rourn showing service, filed: Wamant of Arrest.			
8/6	JS-3 mailed to A.O.			
8/16	Court Reporter's Transricpt of proceedings held on June 10, 11, 1976 (Trial), filed. (Beecher, R.)	,		
8/4	Record on Appeal sent U.S.Ct. of Appeals. Copies of Index and docket sent counsel.			
8/16	CJA 21 approving payment of \$376.50 to Carol Beeche Court Reporter, filed. Murphy, J. copies distribute			
8/23	Copy of Scheduling Order from U.S.C.A., filed and entered. Fusaro, C. m-8/23/76.			. 0
8/24	Receipt for Record on Appeal received from U.S.C.A. and filed.			

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8/31/	Motion to Release Evidence, filed by govt.		١.		
9/7	Deft's Objection to Release of Phot graphs, filed.				
9/7	Motion to Release Certain Evidence endorsed: Motion granted. Murphy, J. m-9/7/76. copies maile to counsel.	ŀď			
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v.

CRIMINAL NO.: N-75-174 .. CONN.

DAVID LEE WHITE

INDICTMENT

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

ONE COUNT

On or about September 26, 1975, at Danbury in the District of Connecticut, DAVID LEE WHITE, the defendant herein, having been lawfully committed on October 5, 1973 to the custody of the Attorney General, by virtue of a Judgment and Commitment of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, did unlawfully and wilfully escape from such custody, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 751(a).

A TRUE BILL

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ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

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United States District Court

DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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DAVID LEE WHITE

Deputy

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15th July day of , 19 76 came the attorney for the On this government and the defendant appeared in person and by counse?

It Is Ansungen that the defendant upon his plea of not guilty and the jury having returned a verdict of guilty has been convicted of the offense of violation of Title 18, Section 751(a), of the United States Code (having been lawfully committed to the custody of the Attorney General, by virtue of a Judgment and Commitment of the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, did unlawfully and wilfully escape from such custody)

as charged in Count One of the superseding Indictment

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and the court having asked the defendant whether he has anything to say why judgment should not be pronounced, and no sufficient cause to the contrary being shown or appearing to the Court,

IT IS ADJUDGED that the defendant is guilty as charged and convicted.

IT Is ADJUDGED that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of two (2) years on Count One.

IT IS ORDERED that the Clerk deliver a certified copy of this judgment and commitment to the United States Marshal or other qualified officer and that the copy some as the computment of the deign ant.

The Court recommends commitment to: the Federal Correctional Center at Springfield, Missouri.

Clerk.

Insert "by Iname of counsell, counsel" or "without counsel: the court advised the defendant of his rights to counsel and asked him whether he desired to have counsel appointed by the court, and the defendant thereupon stated that he waived the right to the assistance of counsel." Insert (1) "guilty and the court being satisfied there is a factual basis for the plea." (2) "not guilty, and a verdict of guilty," (3) "not guilty, and a finding of guilty," or (4) "noto contendere," as the case may be Insert "in count(s) number " if required. Enter (1) sentence or sentences, specifying counts if any; (2) whether sentences are to run concurrently or consecutively and, if consecutively, when each term is to begin with reference to termination of preceding term or to any other outstanding unserved sentence; (3) whether defendant is to be further imprisoned until payment of the fine or fine and costs, or until he is otherwise discharged as provided by law. Enter any order with respect to suspension and probation. For use of Court wishing to recommend a particular institution.

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1	And what did you do after you were let off?
2	A Walked up to the Rainbow Lake.
3	And what did you do there?
4	A Just walked back into the woods, quite aways,
5	they walked back out, thinking things over, trying to get
6	my own head straightened up, what I was going to do.
7	Then what happened?
8	A I come back down the highway, walked on the
9	highway when I seen the officer.
10	Q Is that Mr. Simmons who testified here today?
11	Λ Yes.
12	C Then what happened?
13	A then I seen him, he was parked beside the road
14	talking to some other man, and I walked to his car and I
15	identified myself, told him I escaped from the Federal
16	Prison, gave my name and so on.
17	Q And that was it?
18	A (Witness nods head.)
19	THE COURT: You said you walked over to
20	his car?
21	THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I did.
22	THE COURT: And he was talking to somebody?
23	THE WITNESS: He was talking to somebody.
24	I waited until the person he was talking to
25	drove off.

THE COURT: Las the other person in uniform? THE WITNESS: No, sir. It was a civilian. 2 THE COURT: Did you tell your lawyer this 3 before? THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I have. 5 THE COURT: Really? So you walked over to this policeman and identified yourself? 7 THE WITNESS: Yes, sir. I walked over to 8 him myself and identified myself. THE COURT: Thank you. 10 BY IR. BOLDIAN: 11 there was Officer Simmons when you first saw him? 12 Parked on the right-hand side of the road. 13 A Across the street from you? 14 No. He was on the same side of the street as I 15 was, the entrance to that high school, whatever it was 16 17 there. I'm. White, at the time of this escape, how much 18 time did you think you had to go in your prison sentence? 19 A matter of about nirety-four days. 20 A 27 A little over three months; is that right? Q 22 A Yes, sir. 23 Mhat did you base this expectation on? Q 24 On the sentence computation sheet at the A 25 institution.

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do it.

Why don't I call the jury in in about two or three minutes and let me pass on the requests.

MR. BOWMAN: Your Honor, I wonder if we could have a little more than two or three minutes. Maybe ten minutes for me to prepare.

THE COURT: Yes. If you want to sit at your desk and we will go over the requests.

MR. BOLMAN: Yes, your Honor.

THE COURT: With regard to the Covernment request, I will not charge 1 or 2. I will charge in substance 3; in substance, 4 and 5 in substance. I will charge on reasonable doubt. You have it entitled Possible Doubt.

And with regard to the defendant's request, I will charge in substance what you request in No. 1 and in 2, and in substance what you ask for in 3, and reasonable doubt I will use my own words which actually is a quote from Judge Friendly; and testimony on credibility which is what you have in mind for 4; and on impeachment generally of a witness, but I am not going to give it the way you have 6 in your request. I will charge that on the question of voluntariness that that is a question of fact for the

I will not charge your No. 7. I will cover your No. 8. I think I made a mistake on that. I will cover your 8 and 9 in one part where I will talk about the judge asking questions and ruling on evidence. But each lawyer has an exception for the failure of myself to charge as requested in your written instructions. Then, of course, you have an exception to any part of my charge as I give it. Supposing we have another five minutes. Is that all right?

THE COURT: Take eight.

MR. BOMMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

(Whereupon, court recessed at 3:12 p.m. and reconvened at 3:22 p.m.)

(The jury entered the courtroom at this time.)

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I told
the Marshal to tell you that we are just going
to have the lawyers' summations now and ther in
the morning we will charge, and I was going to
ask you to come in the morning at half past 9:00
because I have a civil matter at 10:00. All
right. Please.

(June 11, 1976, 9:35 a.m.)

(The jury entered the courtroom at this time.)

THE COURT: Ladies and gentlemen, I am sure that you will agree that this has been a comparatively short and interesting case, and we heard some -- I did anyway, some new things. I didn't know how far a body travels once it is hit with a bullet from a magnum, but we were told about that. You were also told about the good fortune one of the escapees had in not only trying to steal a car, but finding one with the key in it and then a little box of money, a hundred dollars.

But in any event, whether a case is short or long or dull or interesting, as long as it is a criminal case, it is important. It is always important to the defendant and important to the Government and the most important part is the part that you people are going to play because you are going to decide within a short while whether Mr. White is guilty or not guilty of the one crime of which he stands accused.

rincipal issue is whether Mr. White voluntarily

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escaped from the prison here in Danbury on a certain date in last year, and you know, of course, that the burden is on the Government and the question is whether the Government has proved beyond a reasonable doubt that is

what he did.

Now, you will recall that when you were sworn as jurors, you told the clerk that you would well and truly try the issued joined and a true verdict render, and I'm sure you know that you can't do that if you permit any kind of passion or emotion to enter into your thinking or deliberations, and I suggest to you that you can resolve the issues in this case by doing it coldly and analytically, the same as you would handle an important problem at home or in business. I'm sure you know that once you start deciding things by emotion, you usually decide them wrongly, but if you do it by applying your own good, God-given common sense and your experience at home and in business, then I am sure that a true verdict will be rendered, and that is all anybody asks for or anybody is entitled to

One of your obligations is to accept the law

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in this case and not apply your own concept of what the law is or what it should be. And on the other hand, you are the sole and exclusive judges of the credibility of the witness, and your recollection alone controls as to what the testimony in the case was. It isn't my recollection or the lawyers, but yours alone.

Now, you have been told that Mr. White has been accused in an indictment. Now, an indictment is only an accusation. It is the physical means by which a defendant is brought to trial, and its sole purpose is to identify the defendant's alleged offense. It is not evidence that the offense charged was committed, and it may not be considered by you the jury as evidence during your jury deliberations. To that accusation the defendant has previously; pleaded not guilty, and under our law when a person is accused of a crime, he is presumed to be innocent from the moment the accusation is laid against him, and that presumption . continues from that moment on during the time it takes for a case to reach the trial level and

stays with him not only up to that time, but during the trial and also during the time when you are deliberating until such time, if it arrives, and you are satisfied that the Government has proved his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Now, the indictment is very short, and I will read it. It says that "The Grand Jury charges one count, that on or about September 26th, 1975 at Danbury in the District of Connecticut, David Lee White, the defendant herein, having been lawfully committed on October 5, 1973 to the custody of the Attorney General, by virtue of a judgment and commitment of the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, did unlawfully and wilfully escape from said custody in violation of a certain statute."

Now, the essential elements of that offense which is charged in the indictment, each of which element the Government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt, are (1) that prior to September 26th, 1975 the defendant, Mr. White, had been convicted of an offense against the United States in the Federal Court in he Western

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District of Pennsylvania. And secondly, that
by virtue of such conviction and pursuant to
the direction of the Attorney General of the
United States the defendant was confined at the
Federal Prison at Danbury, Connecticut and was
in the custody of the officers and employees
of that Federal Prison. And thirdly, that on
or about September 26th, 1975 the defendant
wilfully and unlawfully escaped from the custody
of such Federal Prison at Danbury and its
officers and employees.

Overnment has proved each of these elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you may find the defendant guilty. If, however, you find that the Government has failed to prove all of these essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant not guilty.

Now, even if you should find that the defendant White was initially forced by other prisoners to leave Federal custody, if he thereafter on his own volition decided to remain at large, this would constitute the crime of escape. And this is so because the voluntary failure to

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return to custody would be proof of one of the elements of the offense, namely, the escape element.

In summary, an escape occurs when an individual voluntarily leaves his custody or when an individual fails to return to his custody when he has an opportunity.

Now, one of the exhibits that has been received in evidence is Exhibit 1. Now, I'm sure you know under our law there are three separate and independent branches. The Executive branch, which the President heads up. The Legislative branch, which consists of the House of Representatives and the Senate. And the Judicial branch, which includes all the Federal judges and the justices of the Supreme Court. Now, the Legislature has passed laws which say in substance that Federal judges must commit Federal prisoners to the custody of the Attorney General and the Federal judges do not name the prison, but the Attorney General does. Now, it is in connection with the elements of the crime that I have described that I think I have to explain this Exhibit 1. It consists three pages, and the first page is a

in Pennsylvania, Er. Schafflin, certifies in the first paragraph that there are attached true copies of documents that are among the records of his court, namely, Study Commitment and Final Sentence Commitment Execution. And then the Federal judge down there named Judge Schneider, he certifies that the clerk is the Clerk of the Court and that is his signature, and then the clerk in turn comes around in the last paragraph and certifies that the judge is the judge. So the certification then is the first page:

The second page is almost legible. Why
the Government did this and offered it I have
no idea, but there are some little things you
can read and it's the little things that are
going to be important because the whole paper
by itself is not that important. I will explain
later on,

Now, the last page is the commitment, and you can read that, and it says in substance that on a certain date in February, 1974, the defendant because of his plea of guilty to two different offenses, namely, the offense of wilfully hindering the administration of justice

in violation of a statute, and that is Count 1, and the wilfully injuring United States property in violation of another statute. And after that the judge says that it is adjudged that the defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the Attorney General or his authorized representative for imprisonment for a period of three years under Count 2. Now, Count 2 is the wilfully injuring United States property, and that he shall become eligible for parole under another statute at such time as the Board of Parole may determine.

This sentence further provides for a period of three years of community supervision after his release. Count 1 is suspended.

I should tell you that with regard to the second page, the second document, under the Federal law there is a section that lawyers refer to as 4208(b) which Congress passed some years ago to help Federal judges make up their minds as to what kind of a sentence to impose when they have trouble making up their minds, and that section permits the judge (1) to impose the maximum sentence right away and then ask the Attorney General to make a study and report

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the study should not take more on the outside than six months, and then it provides that the Attorney General through the Bureau of Prisons make this study and send the report back to the judge with a recommendation, and then the judge has so bring the prisoner back and sentence him and he can do either, he can suspend the sentence or keep the original maximum sentence or he can reduce it, whatever he wishes. But the law provides that the commitment commences from the first day he was committed. In other words, the commitment date is the date when he first sends him off for study on the original maximum punishment.

Now, the reason I explain that is that you will note that the indictment charges that the defendant was committed on October 5, 1973 to the custody of the Attorney General, and I suggest that you look for that date in the paper that is not too legible. And although that is what is charged in the indictment, that date, the proof need not establish with certainty the exact date of the confinement. It is sufficient if the evidence in the case establishes beyond

a reasonable doubt that the commitment was a date reasonably near the date alleged.

And you will also note that the indictment uses the words "knowingly and intentionally".

In other words, in describing the defendant's conduct it says that he must have knowingly and intentionally escaped. Now, an act is done intentionally when it is done with the specific intent to do that which the law forbids. That is to say, with a bad purpose either to disobey or disregard the law. And the purpose of adding the word "knowingly" was to insure that no one would be convicted because of an act done due to mistake or inadvertence or some other innocent reason.

Intention and knowledge of a defendant need not be proved by direct evidence, but like any other fact in the case, it may be established by circumstantial evidence. And since it is not possible to look into a man's mind to see what went on, you decide the issue of criminal intent from evidence and acts and conduct and circumstances and the reasonable inferences to be drawn therefrom. What a man does is often more indicative of his intent to commit an

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offense rather than what he says.

Now, in determining Mr. White's guilt or innocence, you must not consider any statement or concession that he allegedly made unless such statement or concession was voluntarily made. Now, you will recall there was a man from Colorado, the police officer, Mr. Simmons, I think his name was, who told us what the defendant said to him at the time that he and the defendant talked on the road out in Frisco, Colorado. You must disregard any statement or confession entirely unless you yourselves by your own weighing of all of the evidence, your own judging of the credibility of the witnesses and your own reasonable deductions conclude that the statement or confession not only was made but was made voluntarily. And Congress has. said that the jury shall give such weight to the confession as the jury feels it deserves under all of the circumstances. Now, as I indicated, there are two kinds of evidence which a jury may use to find a man guilty of a crime, and one is direct evidence such as the testimony of an eyewitness; and the other is circumstantial cyldence, the proof of a chain of circ mstances

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law makes no distinction between direct and circumstantial evidence, but simply requires that before convicting a defendant the jury be satisfied of the defendant's guilt beyond a reasonable doubt from all of the evidence in the case.

Now, coercion or compulsion may be a legal defense for the crime charged in this case. order, however, to prove a legal defense for any criminal conduct, the compulsion must be present and immediate and of such a nature as to induce a well-founded fear of impending death or serious bodily harm, and there must be no reasonable opportunity to escape the compulsion without committing the crime. If the evidence in this case should leave you with a reasonable doubt whether at the time and place of the alleged offense Mr. White acted willingly and voluntarily, that is to say, whether the accused was forced in effect to commit the crime arged in the indictment by coercion or compulsion as I have explained, then you are duty and must acquit the defendant.

Now, one of the issues, obviously, in the

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case is who is telling the truth? And the lawyers call that the issue of credibility. No one has yet come up with a slide rule or a mechanical device to determine where the truth The Supreme Court has told us that there is no caliper for measuring truthfulness. Everybody agrees that you determine the truth by applying your own God-given common sense and your own experience at home and in business. You say to yourself: Did any witness have any reason for lying? Was he or she candid and honest? Was he or she interested in the result of the trial? Was his or her recollection as d as they said it was? And you determine all of these things I say by using your own common sense. And if you find that any witness testified falsely to a material fact, you are at liberty to disregard the testimony that you do not believe and you can accept what you believe or you can, if you wish, disregard that witness' testimony entirely.

Now, the defendant here has taken the stand in his own behalf. I am sure you know that under our system a defendant need not testify if he wishes. He is under no obligation

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to prove anything. The obligation to prove his guilt is always on the Government throughout the The defendant who testifies has a deep personal interest in the prosecution, and that interest should be considered by you. Interest. as you know, creates a motive for false testimony, and the greater the interest, the stronger the Bear in mind I am not saying that motive. because a person has an interest in the case that they are not capable of telling a straightforward and truthful story because if that were Lo, no defendant would ever have a chance in a courtroom. You know as well as I do that it is possible and frequently happens that a person who has an interest can tell a straightforward and honest story. I repeat the question of credibility for each of the witnesses, including the defendant, is one that is in your entire control and your own responsibility.

Now, throughout my charge and the lawyers' summations we have all been using the phrase "reasonable doubt". It must be obvious to you that in all criminal cases the burden is on the Government to prove a defendant's guilt by what is called proof beyond a reasonable doubt, and

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the burden, as I said, remains on the Government and never shifts to a defendant.

Now, what is reasonable doubt? It is a doubt based upon reason which arises from the evidence or lack of evidence. Reasonable doubt is not a vague or speculative or an imaginary doubt, but it is such a doubt as to cause a prudent man or woman to hesitate before acting in matters of importance to themselves.

Now, I had occasion on a number of occasions to interrupt and ask a question or two of a witness. I did this only for the purpose of clarification and to expedite matters. I did not intend to suggest by my questions that I had an opinion as to the gui! or innocence of the defendant. I have none. If I did I would be encroaching on your job.

I also had occasion to rule on questions of evidence and questions of law and sometimes sustaining objections, other times overruling them. Just forget those. Those are legal matters and it doesn't mean a blessed thing as far as you are concerned.

Now, under your oath as jurors, one of the things that you cannot do, assuming that you

do arrive at a verdict of guilt, is to consider of discuss the question of possible punishment. The question of punishment of a person who has been convicted of a crime belongs on the conscience of the court and on nobody else's conscience. We each have a job to do. The lawyers do theirs by presenting the evidence to the best of their ability. Your job is to decide the facts to the best of your ability, and my job is to run the court to the best of my ability, and in the event of a verdict of guilt, to impose sentence. So as I said, let us not encroach on each other's job.

And now one more word and I am done. If you find that the law has not been violated as charged, you should not hesitate for any reason to return a verdict of not guilty. On the other hand, if you find that the defendant has been proved guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, say so, and do not hesitate because of any emotion like sympathy or bias or prejudice.

I am sure you know that when you retire
to your jury room, you will elect one of your
own members as Foreman or Forelady, and he or
she will preside over your deliberations and

will be your spokesman here in court, and I'm sure you know that your verdict must be unanimous.

Now, if you will excuse the lawyers and myself for a few minutes, I must talk to them in your absence. So, please.

(The following transpired in chambers.)

THE COURT: Does the Government have any exceptions?

MR. CUTHBERTSON: The Government is content, your Honor.

MR. Bomian: Yes, your Honor. First, I take exception to your Honor's comment in the beginning of the charge relating to the magnum, and I believe that unnecessarily will enflame the jury with respect to the evidence in this case.

THE COURT: God, I've heard of nit-picking, but that really wins. All right.

MR. BOWMAN: I say respectfully, your Honor.
THE COURT: It's all right.

MR. BOWMAN: Secondly, with respect to

Your Honor's charge on the essential elements,

I heard the charge to be that if the Government

fails to prove all the essential elements of the

crime beyond a reasonable doubt, then the jury should acquit. My understanding of the law is if the Government fails to prove any one of the essential elements, then the jury should acquit and I except to that.

THE COURT: I will tell the jury they have to prove each and every one.

MR. BOMAN: Thank you, your Honor. With respect to interest, your Honor charged solely with respect to the defendant and not with respect to any of the other witnesses, more specifically, Mr. Frey and Mr. Carroll, and I believe that they also had an interest in coming here to testify.

THE COURT: You might believe it, but I charged what the Supreme Court said I can charge about the defendant. U.S. against Reagan.

MR. BOWNAN: And finally, your Honor, I
do take exception to your Honor's interpretation
based upon, of course, the Government's requested
charge with respect to the voluntary failure to
return being a violation of this statute.

Anybody else?

MR. CUTHBERTSON: No, your Honor.

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(The following transpired in open court before the jury.)

I misspoke myself when I was explaining the various elements of the crime of escape, and he thought I said that if you find that the Government has failed to prove all of these essential elements beyond a reasonable doubt, then you must find the defendant not guilty. I did say that, and I think what I meant was that if you find that the Covernment has failed to prove any of these three elements beyond a reasonable doubt. In other words, the Government's obligation is to prove each and every one so that if they fail to prove one, you must acquit.

All right. You may now retire.

(The jury left the courtroom at 9:55 a.m. and court recessed.)

(Court reconvened at 1:07 p.m. and the jury returned to the courtroom.)

THE COURT: Mr. Rogers, you are the Foremen, are you?

MR. ROGERS: Yes, sir.

THE COURT: And your note says that you

### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF CONNECTICUT

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, DAVID WHITE

#### DEFENDANT WHITE'S REQUEST TO CHARGE

The defendant, David White, respectfully submits the attached proposed instructions with the request that they be included in the Court's charge to the jury.

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#### 1. Essential Elements

The burden of proof rests with the prosecution to prove each and every essential element of the crime charged beyond a reasonable doubt. The essential elements of the crime charged are:

(1) Escape

Escape is defined as a voluntary departure from custody with the intent to avoid confinement.

- (2) the escape must be from custody of an institution where the prisoner is confined by direction of the Attorney General.
- (3) the custody must be pursuant to process issued under the laws of the United States by a court.

United S ates v. Nix, 501 F.2d 516, 519 (7th Cir. 1974)
United States v. McCray, 468 F.2d 446, (8th Cir. 1972)

#### 2. The Defense

The defendant has testified that he was coerced and compelled into leaving the federal correctional institution on
September 26, 1975. He has sworn that he was in fear of present
and immediate serious bodily injury from other inmates if he did
not accompany them on their escape.

Coercion or compulsion may provide a legal excuse for the crime charged in the indictment. In order, however, to provide a legal excuse for any criminal conduct, the compulsion must be present, and immediate, and of such a nature as to induce a well-founded fear of impending death or serious bodily injury; and there must be no reasonable opportunity to escape the compulsion without committing the crime, or participating in the commission of the crime.

reasonable doubt as to whether the defendant acted with intent to avoid confinement at the time and place of the escape because of coercion or compulsion, then you must acquit the defendant.

Federal Jury Practice and Instruction, Vol. 1 \$13.14

See also Castle v. United States, 347 F.2d 492, 494 (CADC 1965)

#### 6. Eyewitness Testimony

All eyewitness testimony, whether the witness is identifying a defendant or a photograph, should be scrutinized with care and caution. This is especially true of witnesses whose opportunity for observation is limited and who may have observed individuals briefly or from a bad angle. Eyewitness testimony is often unreliable. When a witness identifies a photograph before he identifies the person in the flesh, an added risk is injected. Even if the police follow the most correct photographic identification procedures and show pictures of a number of individuals without indicating whom they suspect, there is danger that a witness may make an incorrect identification, and there is the further danger that the witness may retain in his mind's eye the image from the photograph rather than the image of the person that he saw committing the crime. This is not to say that you may not believe eyewitness identification testimony. But before you believe such testimony, you must carefully weigh the witness' ability to observe, the circumstances under which the observation was made, the consistency of the identification with any other identifications in the case and the inability of other witnesses in relatively the same position to make the same identification.

United States v. Jenkins, Transcript, p. 2406.

#### 7. Identification from Photographs

It must be recognized that the use of photographs may sometimes cause witnesses to err in identifying criminals. A witness may have obtained only a brief glimpse of a criminal, or may have seen him under poor conditions. Even if the police follow the most correct photographic identification procedures and show him the pictures of a number of individuals without indicating wh ey suspect, there is some danger that the witness may make an incorrect identification. This danger will be increased if the place display to the witness only the picture of a single individual who generally resembles the person he saw, or if they show him the pictures of several persons among which the photograph of a single such individual recurs or is in some way emphasized. Regardless of how the initial misidentification comes about, the witness thereafter is apt to retain in his memory the image of the photograph rather than of the person actually seen, reducing the trustworthiness of subsequent line-up or courtroom identification.

This is not to say that such testimony concerning the use of photographs is to be disregarded by you, but I instruct you to appraise carefully such testimony balanced by the testimony revealed during the cross-examination of such witnesses.

Simmons v. United States, 390 U.S. 377-384 (1968)
United States v. Fernandez, 4% F.2d 638 (2d Cir. 1972)

#### 9. Questioning by the Judge

During the course of a trial, I occasionally ask questions of a witness, in order to bring out facts not then fully covered in the testimony. Do not assume that I hold any opinion on the matters to which my questions may have related. Remember at all times that you, as jurors, are at liberty to disregard all comments of the Court in arriving at your own findings as to the facts.

Federal Jury Practice and Instruction, Vol. 1 \$10.09